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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the new Office Action, dated July 6, 2007. This response is being timely filed, with a Petition and Fee authorization for a three-month extension of time, up to and including January 7, 2008 (January 6, 2008 was a Sunday), including an authorization to charge any mandated additional fees, and is being submitted herewith within six (6) months of the "Mail Date" of the Office Action.

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